

REMARKS

Claims 1-75 are now pending in the application.

Elections/Restriction

The Examiner has required Applicants to restrict its application under 35 USC 121 and 372 to one of the following group:


- I. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 16, 18, 19, 23-26, 44, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53-57, 59-64 and 66 drawn to an apparatus and method for controlling the flow of a gas mixture; or
- II. Claims 29, 35-38, and 41-43 drawn to a medical device with gas circulation features.

Applicant elects Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 16, 18, 19, 23-26, 44, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53-57, 59-64 and 66 (Group I). Applicant's election of this set of claims is made without traverse.

Should the Examiner believe that anything is desirable in order to place the present application in better condition for examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A timely Notice of Allowance is requested for Claims which were not subject to election and which were elected.

Respectfully submitted,



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